

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

AUGUST 3, 2021

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, Brad Berkemeier, and Phil King answered roll call.

MINUTES: Berkemeier moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley asked the Board to consider the annual streamgage agreement for the levee. This is split with the County. Cameron moved to approve the agreement. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker reported that he has an employee that is undergoing evaluation and treatment for an unspecified illness. The employee is requesting short term disability. This employee has used all of his personal and vacation days. Cameron made a motion to approve 30 days short term disability for case #2021-3. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tucker also presented a letter of notification regarding another employee that will also be asking for short term disability in the future.

Park – Park Director Burklow asked permission to hire Brian Souder as a fulltime laborer. He would begin employment August 16, at \$12.00 per hour. Berkemeier moved to approve hiring Souder full time at \$12.00 per hour beginning August 16th. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burklow reported that the pool closed Sunday. He will try to have the financials to review sometime in September.

The trails will be closed this weekend for repairs and sealing.

Burklow said he is working with Frank Denzler to move the backstop. He said Denzler is very thankful to receive this item.

Animal – Director Hanna sent out numbers today via email. She said she is still working out some bugs with her reporting software. The kennels are installed.

Utility – Superintendent Shook reported that they had to issue an advisory for rusty water last week. They did not receive any phone calls.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

Unsafe Building - 140 East 2nd Street has been on hold because we had applied for an Indiana Preservation Main Street Grant. We did not receive the grant. Director Jenkins will have to set down with the owner and see what the solution is.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Professional Services – On Call Agreement USI** – The agreement has been sent back to us for review.
2. **Personnel Policy/Handbook** – Our next meeting is August 13.
3. **Ambulance Contract Extension** – We have met and have begun highlighting possible changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Claims:** None.
2. **Fire Rescue Department – Mark Baker and Jacob Hempstead** – Mark Baker was sworn in as a new fireman.
3. **Police Department Hiring Process** – Chief Tucker reported that they are down to 2 candidates to interview. Interviews will be next Wednesday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m.
4. **Street Department Wage Study** - Mike Land forwarded a wage scale to the Board for review.
5. **Joint Meeting with Utility Board** – The orientation meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m.
6. **Waste Management Contract Extension** – Still waiting to have a discussion with Chris Ross on the final piece.

COVID-19 UPDATE: We have had an issue with employees that have not been vaccinated and have no time off left. We had made it our policy that if someone contracted the virus and had been vaccinated they would not have to use their sick/personal or vacation time and the City would honor time off. Those who are not vaccinated will have to use sick time or vacation and if they don't have any days left they will not be paid.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.